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Sir:

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1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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